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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/04/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32,35-38,58-62 and 64-85.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Laurie Ries/
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benjamin Esplin (Applicant's representative), registration #58,297 on 02/11/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

1-31. **(Cancelled)**

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method of providing, from one or more server devices to a client device, information related to a networked information monitor, comprising:

storing in a database associated with a first server device, a collection of networked information monitor templates;

providing, via the first server device, to a first client device an index of available networked information monitor templates;

receiving, at the first server device from the first client device, a first request for a user-selected networked information monitor template from the index of available networked information monitor templates;

the first server device, in response to the first request, transmitting to the first client device the requested networked information monitor template;

wherein the networked information monitor template comprises:

(1) frame characteristics that define one or more aspects of a visual

appearance of a frame for a graphical user interface associated with the networked information monitor, wherein the one or more aspects of the visual appearance of the frame comprise one or more of a size of the frame, a shape of the frame, a position of the frame on an electronic display, or a color of the frame,

(2) one or more content references that comprise one or more uniform resource locators at which content for the networked information monitor is accessible over a network, and

(3) instructions configured to: i) cause the networked information monitor to request content from the one or more uniform resource locators; and ii) display content received at the uniform resource locators in a graphical user interface within the frame defined by the frame characteristics.

33-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the instructions included in the networked information monitor template are configured to cause the user interface associated with the networked information monitor to be displayed within the frame defined by the frame characteristics.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the frame characteristics included in the networked information monitor template fully describe a functionality and an appearance of the frame.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the first server device is associated with a Web content provider, thereby enabling the Web content provider to control at least in part a functionality and an appearance of the frame.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the networked information monitor is provided by the Web content provider.

39-57. (Cancelled)

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising:
receiving, at a second server device that hosts at least one of the one or more uniform resource locators, a request for content from the networked information monitor to the at least one of the one or more uniform resource locators hosted by the second server; and

the second server device transmitting, responsive to the request from the networked information monitor, the content located at the at least one of the one or more uniform resource locators to the first client device, wherein the second server transmits the content in a format readable by a Web browser program having native controls for enabling a user to manually navigate the network.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor transmitted by the first server device to the client device further comprises viewer characteristics and control characteristics of the graphical user interface associated with the networked information monitor.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the one or more content references comprise a reference to a location of content for the networked information monitor, wherein the location comprises a location other than the first server device.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the one or more content references comprise a reference to a location of content for the networked information monitor, wherein the location comprises a location on a second server device.

63. (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor comprises an application.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor comprises a fully configurable frame with one or more controls and wherein the content is displayed within the frame.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of storing, in a database, a plurality of networked information monitor templates, wherein a given one of the plurality of networked information monitor templates defines the characteristics of a single corresponding networked information monitor, including frame characteristics, viewer characteristics, control characteristics, and one or more networked information monitor content references for the single corresponding networked information monitor.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of storing, in a database, a plurality of networked information monitor templates, wherein a given one of the networked information monitor templates defines the characteristics of a single corresponding networked information monitor, including frame characteristics, viewer characteristics, control characteristics, and one or more networked information monitor content references for the single corresponding networked information monitor, and further wherein user-selected networked information monitor templates are delivered to a client device via the first server and content corresponding to the one or more content references is delivered to the client device via a second server that is separate from the first server.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the first server

devices provides a searchable index of networked information monitor templates, wherein each networked information monitor is associated with a unique ID.

69. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the frame characteristics included in the networked information monitor template comprise a definition of a title bar, and a definition of the appearance of a control button for enabling the user to resize a visual manifestation of the networked information monitor.

70. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the frame characteristics included in the networked information monitor template comprise definitions of a collection of controls, including web rendering controls.

71. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the frame characteristics included in the networked information monitor template comprise definitions of a collection of controls, including GIF rendering controls.

72. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the frame characteristics included in the networked information monitor template define a size of a frame that surrounds a viewer, in which the referenced content is to be displayed.

73. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template is defined in a Markup language.

74. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template is defined in Extensible Markup Language.

75. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template comprises content and not compiled code.

76. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked

information monitor comprises an application-type networked information monitor.

77. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor comprises an application-type networked information monitor comprising a web calendar.

78. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor comprises an application-type networked information monitor, comprising a web mail application.

79. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template comprises layout and definition of controls, wherein the controls are visible and the definition of the controls defines the display of the controls as including static or dynamic text.

80. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template comprises layout and definition of controls, wherein the controls are hidden.

81. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template comprises layout and definition of controls, wherein the controls are hidden and comprise a Java control.

82. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor template defines a control that is an object capable of rendering computer readable media.

83. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, further comprising sending a message from a networked information monitor to itself or another networked information monitor.

84. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, further comprising sending a message to a control of a networked information monitor.

85. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, wherein the networked information monitor corresponding to the user selected networked information monitor template lacks native controls that enable a user to navigate a network.

86-88. **(Cancelled)**

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 32, 35-38, 58-62 and 64-85 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

In interpreting the claims in light of the specification and applicant's arguments, the Examiner finds the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

The prior art of record includes Wolfe, US Patent No. 6,006,252, Barnett et al. (Barnett), US Patent No. 6,369,840, and Bruck et al., US Patent No. 6,268,856.

Wolfe discloses a database, that may be used by a computer server, includes a look-up table containing a collection of document names (networked information monitor templates (Figure 16, col. 2, lines 29-30 and col. 9, lines 20-45). Wolfe further discloses the browser executing on computer 902 (first client device) sends a request to the server for a document (networked information monitor template) stored on the server, i.e., the requested document might be the "Flying Over the Precipice" document shown in Figures 3 and 4, the "Flying Over the Precipice" includes the identity of the document or resource on that particular server, i.e., the particular server is the Universal Theatres, Inc. server (frame characteristics) and the specific resource on that server is the "Flying Over the Precipice" document, both displayed on the title bar in Figures 3 and 4 (col. 6, lines 29-59). Wolfe further discloses the server responds to this request by sending the requested document to the client computer (col. 6, lines 29-40). Wolfe further discloses

in col. 4, lines 59-66 and Figure 3: the document "Flying Over the Precipice" contains advertisement link 312 displayed at the top of the document, which promotes another Universal Theatre movie "Time Will Tell", and selection of such link may retrieve and display information about the advertised movie.

Barnett discloses in Figures 6 and col. 9, lines 48-59 that displaying an index of event categories (networked information monitor templates) such as "Books", "Computer & Internet", "Cultural Events", "Movies", "Music", "Sports", "Television" and "Trade Shows" on a browser of a client. Barnett further discloses a method and system for generating and displaying a calendar containing user-selected events from user-selected categories (Abstract). Barnett further discloses a plurality of categories of events (networked information monitor templates) are displayed to a user, and the user can select which categories are of interest and then select individual events within those categories (Abstract). Barnett further discloses a personal welcome greeting is displayed in "What's New page", which provides information (control characteristics of the graphical user interface associated with selected categories) describing changes to shared calendars, new features, and other relevant information (col. 8, line 60 - col. 9, line 20).

Bruck discloses Data files containing web pages typically are transmitted using HTTP and encoded using HyperText Markup Language (HTML) and other standards markup language such as XML (col. 7, lines 7-17).

Claim 32 is allowed because the prior art of record does not expressly disclose alone or in combination receiving, at the first server device from the first client device, a first request for a user-selected networked information monitor template from the index of available networked information monitor templates; the first server device, in response to the first request, transmitting to the first client device the requested networked information monitor template; wherein the networked information monitor template comprises frame characteristics that define one or more aspects of a visual appearance of a frame for a graphical user interface associated with the networked information monitor, wherein the one or more aspects of the visual appearance of the frame comprise one or more of a size of the frame, a shape of the frame, a position of the frame on an electronic display, or a color of the frame.

3. The dependent claims 35-38, 58-62 and 64-85 further limit independent claim 32, therefore, claims 35-38, 58-62 and 64-85 are allowed as well.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4092. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton, can be reached at (571) 272-4137.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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